

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-52 (cancelled)

Claim 53 (withdrawn) A method for supplementing nutritional deficiencies in a patient comprising the step of administering to said patient a composition comprising vitamin C, vitamin E, chromium, selenium, zinc, and B-complex.

Claim 54 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said patient is afflicted with kidney disease.

Claim 55 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said kidney disease is end-stage renal disease.

Claim 56 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said patient is suffering from renal insufficiency.

Claim 57 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53 wherein said patient is undergoing dialysis therapy.

Claim 58 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said vitamin C comprises ascorbic acid.

Claim 59 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said vitamin E comprises d-alpha tocopheryl succinate.

Claim 60 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said chromium is selected from one or more of the group consisting of chromium chloride, chromium picolinate, and chromium tripicolinate.

Claim 61 (withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein said chromium comprises chromium chloride.

Claim 62 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said selenium comprises L-selenomethionine.

Claim 63 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said zinc comprises L-Optizinc ZML-200 Inter-Health™.

Claim 64 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said B-complex is one or more vitamins selected from the group consisting of pantothenic acid, cyanocobalamin, niacin, pyridoxine, riboflavin, thiamine, folic acid, and biotin.

Claim 65 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said pantothenic acid comprises d-calcium pantothenate.

Claim 66 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said niacin comprises niacinamide.

Claim 67 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said folic acid is in the range of about 2.25 mg to 2.75 mg.

Claim 68 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said biotin is in the range of about 270 µg to 330 µg.

Claim 69 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said pantothenic is in the range of about 9 mg to 11 mg.

Claim 70 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said cyanocobalamin is in the range of about 10.8 µg to 13.2 µg.

Claim 71 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said niacin is in the range of about 18 mg to 22 mg.

Claim 72 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said pyridoxine is in the range of about 13.5 mg to 16.5 mg.

Claim 73 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said riboflavin is in the range of about 1.8 mg to 2.2 mg.

Claim 74 (withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said thiamine is in the range of about 2.7 mg to 3.3 mg.

Claim 75 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said vitamin C is in the range of about 45 mg to 55 mg.

Claim 76 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said vitamin E is in the range of about 31.5 IU to 38.5 IU.

Claim 77 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said chromium is in the range of about 180 µg to 220 µg.

Claim 78 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said selenium is in the range of about 63 µg to 77 µg.

Claim 79 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said zinc is in the range of about 18 mg to 22 mg.

Claim 80 (withdrawn) The method of claim 53, wherein said alpha-tocopheryl is in the range of about 31.5 IU to 38.5 IU.

Claim 81 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 53, wherein said nutritional deficiencies are a result of dietary restrictions.

Claim 82 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 53, wherein said nutritional deficiencies are a result of a disease state.

Claim 83 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 82, wherein said disease state is kidney disease.

Claim 84 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 53, wherein said kidney disease is end-stage renal disease.

Claim 85 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 53, wherein said nutritional deficiencies are a result of dialysis therapy.

Claim 86 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 53, wherein said disease state leads to increased oxidative stress in said patient.

Claim 87 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 53, wherein said disease state leads to elevated cholesterol levels in said patient.

Claim 88 (withdrawn) A method for supplementing nutritional deficiencies in a patient or person in need thereof, comprising the step of administering to said patient a composition comprising about 45 mg to 55 mg vitamin C, 31.5 IU to 38.5 IU vitamin E, 2.25 mg to 2.75 mg folic acid, 270 µg to 330 µg biotin, 9 mg to 11 mg pantothenic acid, 180 µg to 220 µg chromium, 63 µg to 77 µg selenium, 18 mg to 22 mg zinc, 18 mg to 22 mg niacin, 13.5 mg to 16.5 mg pyridoxine, 1.8 mg to 2.25 mg riboflavin, 10.8 µg to 13.2 µg cyanocobalamin, and 2.7 mg to 3.3 mg thiamine.

Claim 89 (withdrawn) The method of claim 88, wherein said composition comprises 50 mg of vitamin C, 35 IU vitamin E, 2.5 mg of folic acid, 300 µg of biotin, 10 mg of pantothenic acid, 200 µg of chromium, 70 µg of selenium, 20 mg of zinc, 20 mg of niacin, 15 mg of pyridoxine, 2 mg of riboflavin, 12 µg cyanocobalamin, and 3 mg of thiamine.

Claim 90 (withdrawn) The method of claim 88, wherein said composition further comprises pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 91 (withdrawn) The method of claim 88, wherein said patient is suffering from kidney disease.

Claim 92 (withdrawn) The method of claim 91, wherein said kidney disease is end-stage renal disease.

Claim 93 (withdrawn) The method of claim 88, wherein said patient is suffering from renal insufficiency.

Claim 94 (withdrawn) The method of claim 88, wherein said patient is undergoing dialysis therapy.

Claim 95 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 88, wherein said nutritional deficiencies are a result of dietary restrictions.

Claim 96 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 88, wherein said nutritional deficiencies are a result of a disease state.

Claim 97 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 96, wherein said disease state is kidney disease.

Claim 98 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 97, wherein said kidney disease is end-stage renal disease.

Claim 99 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 88, wherein said nutritional deficiencies are a result of dialysis therapy.

Claim 100 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 88, wherein said disease state leads to increased oxidative stress in said patient.

Claim 101 (withdrawn) The composition of claim 88, wherein said disease state leads to elevated cholesterol levels in said patient.

Claim 102 (withdrawn) A method for supplementing nutritional deficiencies in a patient suffering from kidney disease comprising the step of administering to said patient a composition comprising about 45 mg to 55 mg vitamin C, 31.5 IU to 38.5 IU vitamin E, 2.25 mg to 2.75 mg folic acid, 270 µg to 330 µg biotin, 9 mg to 11 mg pantothenic acid, 180 µg to 220 µg chromium, 63 µg to 77 µg selenium, 18 mg to 22 mg zinc, 18 mg to 22 mg niacin, 13.5 mg to 16.5 mg pyridoxine, 1.8 mg to 2.25 mg riboflavin, 10.8 µg to 13.2 µg cyanocobalamin, and 2.7 mg to 3.3 mg thiamine.

Claim 103 (withdrawn) The method of claim 102, wherein said composition comprises 50 mg of vitamin C, 35 IU vitamin E, 2.5 mg of folic acid, 300 µg of biotin, 10 mg of pantothenic acid, 200 µg of chromium, 70 µg of selenium, 20 mg of zinc, 20 mg of niacin, 15 mg of pyridoxine, 2 mg of riboflavin, 12 µg cyanocobalamin, and 3 mg of thiamine.

Claim 104 (withdrawn) The method of claim 102, wherein said composition further comprises pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 105 (withdrawn) The method of claim 102, wherein said composition is administered to said patient daily.

Claim 106 (withdrawn) The method of claim 102, wherein said composition is administered to said patient orally.

Claim 107 (withdrawn) A method for supplementing nutritional deficiencies in a patient suffering from end-stage renal disease comprising the step of administering to said patient a composition comprising about 45 mg to 55 mg vitamin C, 31.5 IU to 38.5 IU vitamin E, 2.25 mg to 2.75 mg folic acid, 270 µg to 330 µg biotin, 9 mg to 11 mg pantothenic acid, 180 µg to 220 µg chromium, 63 µg to 77 µg selenium, 18 mg to 22 mg zinc, 18 mg to 22 mg niacin, 13.5 mg to 16.5 mg pyridoxine, 1.8 mg to 2.25 mg riboflavin, 10.8 µg to 13.2 µg cyanocobalamin, and 2.7 mg to 3.3 mg thiamine.

Claim 108 (withdrawn) The method of claim 107, wherein said composition comprises 50 mg of vitamin C, 35 IU vitamin E, 2.5 mg of folic acid, 300 µg of biotin, 10 mg of pantothenic acid, 200 µg of chromium, 70 µg of selenium, 20 mg of zinc, 20 mg of niacin, 15 mg of pyridoxine, 2 mg of riboflavin, 12 µg cyanocobalamin, and 3 mg of thiamine.

Claim 109 (withdrawn) The method of claim 107, wherein said composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 110 (withdrawn) The method of claim 107, wherein said composition is administered to said patient daily.

Claim 111 (withdrawn) The method of claim 107, wherein said composition is administered to said patient orally.

Claim 112 (withdrawn) A method for supplementing nutritional deficiencies in a patient suffering undergoing dialysis therapy comprising the step of administering to said patient a composition comprising about 45 mg to 55 mg vitamin C, 31.5 IU to 38.5 IU vitamin E, 2.25 mg to 2.75 mg folic acid, 270 µg to 330 µg biotin, 9 mg to 11 mg pantothenic acid, 180 µg to 220 µg chromium, 63 µg to 77 µg selenium, 18 mg to 22 mg zinc, 18 mg to 22 mg niacin, 13.5 mg to 16.5 mg pyridoxine, 1.8 mg to 2.25 mg riboflavin, 10.8 µg to 13.2 µg cyanocobalamin, and 2.7 mg to 3.3 mg thiamine.

Claim 113 (withdrawn) The method of claim 112, wherein said composition comprises 50 mg of vitamin C, 35 IU vitamin E, 2.5 mg of folic acid, 300 µg of biotin, 10 mg of pantothenic acid, 200 µg of chromium, 70 µg of selenium, 20 µg of zinc, 20 mg of zinc, 20 mg of niacin, 15 mg of pyridoxine, 2 mg of riboflavin, 12 µg cyanocobalamin, and 3 mg of thiamine.

Claim 114 (withdrawn) The method of claim 112, wherein said composition further comprises pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 115 (withdrawn) The method of claim 112, wherein said composition is administered to said patient daily.

Claim 116 (withdrawn) The method of claim 112, wherein said composition is administered to said patient orally.

Claims 117-154 (cancelled)

Claim 155 (amended) A composition comprising:
minerals consisting of selenium and zinc; and
vitamins consisting of vitamin C; vitamin E; folic acid; biotin; pantothenic acid;
niacin; pyridoxine; riboflavin; cyanocobalamin; and thiamine;
~~wherein said composition is free of any other added minerals and any other added~~
~~vitamins.~~

Claim 156 (previously presented) The composition of claim 155, wherein said selenium comprises L-selenomethionine.

Claim 157 (previously presented) The composition of claim 155, wherein said zinc comprises zinc L-methionine.

Claim 158 (previously presented) The composition of claim 155, wherein said vitamin C comprises ascorbic acid.

Claim 159 (previously presented) The composition of claim 155, wherein said vitamin E comprises d-alpha tocopheryl succinate.

Claim 160 (previously presented) The composition of claim 155, wherein said pantothenic acid comprises d-calcium pantothenate.

Claim 161 (previously presented) The composition of claim 155, wherein said niacin comprises niacinamide.

Claim 162 (previously presented) The composition of claim 155, wherein said composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 163 (amended) A composition comprising:

about 63 µg to about 77 µg selenium; about 18 mg to about 22 mg zinc; about 45 mg to about 55 mg of vitamin C; about 31.5 IU to about 38.5 IU vitamin E; about 2.25 mg to about 2.75 mg folic acid; about 270 µg to about 330 µg biotin; about 9 mg to about 11 mg pantothenic acid; about 18 mg to about 22 mg niacin; about 13.5 mg to about 16.5 mg pyridoxine; about 1.8 mg to about 2.25 mg riboflavin; about 10.8 µg to about 13.2 µg cyanocobalamin; and about 2.7 mg to about 3.3 mg thiamine, wherein said composition is free of ~~added chromium~~ any other added minerals and any other added vitamins.

Claim 164 (previously presented) The composition of claim 163, wherein said selenium comprises L-selenomethionine.

Claim 165 (previously presented) The composition of claim 163, wherein said zinc comprises zinc L-methionine.

Claim 166 (previously presented) The composition of claim 163, wherein said vitamin C comprises ascorbic acid.

Claim 167 (previously presented) The composition of claim 163, wherein said vitamin E comprises d-alpha tocopheryl succinate.

Claim 168 (previously presented) The composition of claim 163, wherein said pantothenic acid comprises d-calcium pantothenate.

Claim 169 (previously presented) The composition of claim 163, wherein said niacin comprises niacinamide.

Claim 170 (previously presented) The composition of claim 163, wherein said composition further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have re-submitted the corrected section which now complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited

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Respectfully submitted,

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